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For: ROTARY WEIGHT FILLER

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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY FILED
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 20, 2004, Applicants provide a copy of a previously submitted Information Disclosure Statement as discussed below.

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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the allowance of the above-identified patent application. However, there is no indication that the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application on November 19, 2003 has been considered.

For the reasons set forth in the previous Response and discussed below, initialing and return of the attached copy of Form PTO-1449 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action dated March 26, 2004 stated that the Information Disclosure Statement was not considered because it failed to provide a translation of a foreign document. There is, however, a description of the listed prior art reference JP Patent Publication No. 2002-104303 (JP '303) at page 2, the first and second paragraphs of Applicants' specification. Furthermore, an English translation of the JP '303 Abstract was provided with the Information Disclosure Statement.

Under USPTO rules the Information Disclosure Statement should have been considered for the following reasons.

37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3)(1) discusses the requirements of non-English language documents submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3)(i) requires a concise explanation of the relevance of a non-English document. A concise explanation is provided in Applicants' specification at page 2 as discussed above. Further, 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3)(ii) requires "a copy of the translation if a written English-language translation of a non-English-language document, or portion thereof, is within the possession, custody or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in section 1.56(c)". Thus, the submitted English Abstract for JP '303 was provided with the Information Disclosure Statement and provides a portion of the translation.

MPEP §609 III (A)(3) at page 600-122 requires a concise explanation of relevance for non-English language information. Once again, there is no requirement to provide an entire complete translation of a non-English language document.

As discussed above and in the previous Response, all of the requirements for consideration of JP '303 have been fully met by both the discussion of JP '303 in Applicants' specification and by the English abstract provided with the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 19, 2003. Therefore, review and initialing of the attached copy of Form PTO-1449 is respectfully requested.

For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of JP '303 and the English translation of the Abstract are attached herewith.

Applicants await an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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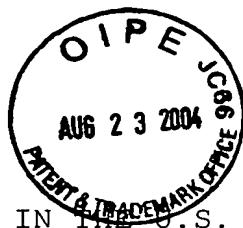
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In compliance with the provisions of Rules 1.97(b)(1) and 1.98, enclosed herewith is Form PTO-1449 and the reference cited thereon. This reference is mentioned in Applicants' specification. Further comment at this point in time should not be necessary.

Further consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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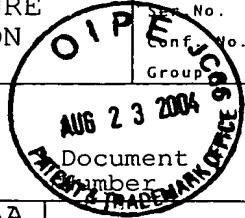
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- Specification, Claims and Abstract
- Declaration or Oath
- 2 Drawing Sheets Formal
 Informal
- Preliminary Amendment Cancelling Claims (Please enter
before calculating the filing fee.)
- Amendment Before First Office Action
- Information Disclosure Statement
- Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.
 Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.
- Assignment, with Recordation Form Cover Sheet
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- Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Japanese
Application No. 2002-338309, filed November 21, 2002.
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.52; the enclosed application is in the form of a foreign language text:

An English translation and a statement that the English translation is accurate are enclosed.

Please notify the undersigned of the due date for submitting an English translation and a statement that the English translation is accurate.

An enclosed check includes the \$130.00 fee (37 CFR 1.17k) for processing a foreign language text.

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Respectfully submitted,
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